



Brownfields 2005 Grant Fact Sheet

*BRIDGE Housing
Corporation,
Palo Alto, CA*

EPA Brownfields Program

EPA's Brownfields Program empowers states, communities, and other stakeholders in economic development to work together to prevent, assess, safely clean up, and sustainably reuse brownfields. A brownfield site is real property, the expansion, redevelopment, or reuse of which may be complicated by the presence or potential presence of a hazardous substance, pollutant, or contaminant. On January 11, 2002, President George W. Bush signed into law the Small Business Liability Relief and Brownfields Revitalization Act. Under the Brownfields Law, EPA provides financial assistance to eligible applicants through four competitive grant programs: assessment grants, revolving loan fund grants, cleanup grants, and job training grants. Additionally, funding support is provided to state and tribal response programs through a separate mechanism.

Community Description

The BRIDGE Housing Corporation was selected to receive a brownfields cleanup grant. The target property, the Fabian Way Senior Housing site, is in Palo Alto (population 60,200), California. The city has consistently been identified as one of the country's most expensive housing markets. The target population for this project is low-income seniors on fixed incomes, who face increasing hardships in the continuously escalating housing market of Palo Alto. A recent study indicates that 41 percent of the seniors in the city have low or very low incomes and that their numbers are growing. The city is essentially built out, with the only



Cleanup Grant

New
2005

\$200,000 for hazardous substances

EPA has selected the BRIDGE Housing Corporation for a brownfields cleanup grant. Grant funds will be used for the installation of a vapor intrusion system, mitigation of ground water contamination, and for construction and long-term risk reduction activities, including health and safety planning, soil management planning, vapor probes, and relocating ground water monitoring wells at the Fabian Way Senior Housing site in Palo Alto, California. Site investigations have indicated that volatile organic compounds have migrated from upstream sources into the soil and ground water under the site.

Contacts

For further information, including specific grant contacts, additional grant information, brownfields news and events, and publications and links, visit the EPA Brownfields web site at: www.epa.gov/brownfields.

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index.html](http://www.epa.gov/region09/waste/brown/index.html)

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The cooperative agreement for this grant has not yet been negotiated; therefore, activities described in this fact sheet are subject to change.

remaining option to alleviate the housing crisis being the conversion of older, underutilized industrial sites. Cleanup of this one-acre property will allow BRIDGE to redevelop the site as a residential community with 67 affordable housing units for very low-income senior households. This development is part of a larger effort to redevelop a 12-acre parcel incorporating a mixed-

use, mixed-income community with recreational, educational, and other services available to the residents and the greater community.